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SUBJECT: CSU SETS FORTH TACTICAL LINE ON RELATIONS WITH CDU

1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY. PRESS STATEMENT BY CSU SECRETARY GENERAL AND LEAD ARTICLE IN CURRENT ISSUE OF CSU WEEKLY ORGAN SETS FORTH CURRENT CSU LINE ON RELATIONS WITH CDU. CSU OFFERS CDU, ON BASIS OF RECIPROCITY, ASSURANCES DESIGNED TO KEEP CSU IN BAVARIA AND CDU OUT OF BAVARIA PLUS CSU COMMITMENT NOT RPT NOT TO FORM GOVERNMENT WITHOUT CDU. CSU COMMITMENT TO KREUTH DECISION REMAINS FIRM. END SUMMARY.

2. IN DECEMBER 7 PRESS RELEASE, CSU SECRETARY GENERAL TANDLER CALLS ON UNION PARTIES TO TURN THEIR EFFORTS TOWARD COMMON OPPONENT AND AVOID FRATERNAL STRIFE. HE OFFERS CDU FOLLOWING ASSURANCES, ON BASIS OF RECIPROCITY: (A) CSU NOT RPT NOT TO EXPAND OUTSIDE BAVARIA; (B) NOT RPT NOT TO SUPPORT ANY POLITICAL GROUP WHICH DIMINISHES UNION PARTIES' ELECTORAL CHANCES; AND (C) NOT RPT NOT TO ENTER ANY COALITION WITHOUT CDU'S PARTICIPATION OR CONCURRENCE. TANDLER SAYS HE IS CERTAIN CDU WILL UNDERSTAND CSU'S RIGHT AS INDEPENDENT PARTY

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TO ORGANIZE ITSELF OPTIMALLY IN BUNDESTAG. HE NOTES, HOWEVER,

THAT THOSE WHO WOULD DENY THIS RIGHT "BRING INTO QUESTION THE PRINCIPLES OF (CDU/CSU) COOPERATION WHICH HAVE EXISTED HERETOFORE."

3. LEAD ARTICLE IN DECEMBER 11 (SIC) ISSUE OF CSU'S "BAYERN KURIER" PARALLELS BASIC OUTLINE OF TANDLER'S STATEMENT. ARTICLE STATES THAT "THREATS" OF CDU "INVASION FROM THE NORTH" ARE NOT RPT NOT JUSTIFIED BY KREITH DECISION WHOSE EXCLUSIVE GOAL WAS OPTIMAL FORM OF CSU ORGANIZATION IN BUNDESTAG IN ORDER TO ENABLE UNION PARTIES TO PURSUE BEST POSSIBLE STRATEGY AGAINST THEIR OPPONENTS. LOWER SAXONY CDU IS BLASTED FOR HAVING REACHED "LAND" COALITION AGREEMENT WITH FDP WHICH: (A) WOULD HAVE JEOPARDIZED JOINT CDU/CSU JOINT "FRAKTION" ANYWAY; (B) WHICH GIVES GENSCHER A "LIBERAL FIGLEAF" NOTWITHSTANDING HIS FAITHFULNESS TO SPD IN BONN; AND (C) ENDS UNION PARTIES' MAJORITY IN BUNDESRAT.

4. COMMENT. CSU'S TACTICAL LINE SEEMS AIMED AT FORESTALLING, IF POSSIBLE, CDU MOVE INTO BAVARIA. USE OF WORD "INVASION" (EINMARSCH), WHICH HAS WW II CONNOTATIONS OF NAKED AGRESSION, TO DESCRIBE POSSIBLE CDU EXPANSION INTO BAVARIA SEEMS DESIGNED AT AROUSING BAVARIAN EMOTIONS VIS-A-VIS OUTSIDERS. LINE ALSO SEEMS DESIGNED TO CREATE CLIMATE IN WHICH CSU DEFECTORS TO CDU COULD BE LABELED AS TRAITORS.
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